

REMARKS

This Amendment is made in response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2005. Claims 1-68 have been cancelled, while Applicant has submitted New Claims 69-89. In the following, Applicant will respond to each of the Objections or Rejections by referencing the corresponding paragraph numbers that appear in the noted outstanding Office Action.

Enclosed herewith is 1) a Request for Extension of Time to permit the filing of this Amendment within the third month, and 2) a Revocation of Power of Attorney appointing the undersigned to represent the Applicant before the USPTO.

With respect to Paragraph 2 of the outstanding Office Action, all of the claims now presented in this Application avoid the objections posed by the Examiner in that each of the new claims do not recite a computer-readable medium and are drafted in the appropriate dependant form.

Referring now to Paragraphs 3 and 4, Applicant respectfully asserts that none of the new submitted Claims 69-89 are drawn merely to software or a software module. Rather, each of the independent claims 69 as now presented recites a method of using a programmed computer to effect the recited steps and, therefore, are deemed to be directed toward statutory subject matter as defined by 35 USC § 101.

Referring now to Paragraphs 5, 6 and 7, now cancelled Claims 55, 59-61, 63, 65, 67 and 68 were rejected as being indefinite under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, because they recited the term “cheating” or “to cheat”. The rejected claims have been replaced by new Claims 69-89. Applicant respectfully asserts that none of the new claims recites either of the two terms that the

Examiner had objected to; therefore, the new claims are deemed to be definite as defined by USC § 112, second paragraph.

Referring now to Paragraphs 8, 9 and 10, the now cancelled Claims 55, 59-61, 63, 65, 67 and 68 were variously rejected as being obvious over US Patent Nos. 5,624,316 of Roskowski et al., 6,141,010 of Hoyle and 5,970,143 of Schneier et al. in favor of new claims 69-89. Applicant respectfully asserts that the new claims more clearly define Applicant's invention and, in particular, distinguish Applicants invention from these references which were cited by the Examiner.

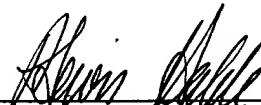
Applicant expresses his appreciation to Examiner Hewitt for the courtesies extended to himself and his counsel (the undersigned) during their telephonic interviews at which there was a fruitful conversation as to all of the new claims and, in particular, the new independent claims 69, 83, 85 and 88. We appreciate the suggestions of the Examiner as to certain changes to be made to the new independent claims.

Further, applicant has conducted a series of database searches through the U.S., International, European and Japanese patent systems and submits the results of such searches by the undersigned search service, Nerac, by the submission of a Supplemental Invention Disclosure Statement with the appropriate fee. Applicant and the undersigned have given a good faith review of these references and respectfully assert that none of the prior art references (patents or publications) teach the recitations of independent Claims 69, 83, 85 and 88.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider these references. If the Examiner is unable to allow the new claims, he is requested to call the undersigned to suggest

those changes, whereby the prosecution of this application may be expedited to secure the allowance of this Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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